

I-5 – South 317th Street HOV Direct Access Project Update

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Construction Update

On the southbound exit ramp to S. 320th Street, crews have finished setting temporary barrier, striping lanes, and placing signs. Crews are grading the right southbound shoulder and are filling the area behind the bridge support at S. 317th Street.

The temporary lighting system is complete, and electricians are now focused on the permanent system. Crews are hard at work building retaining walls, installing drainage systems, excavating for the fourth detention pond and the second bridge support, and removing southbound I-5 pavement.

You can view construction photos at
http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5_S317th_DirectAccess/photos.

I-5 Lane and Ramp Closures

No lane or ramp closures are anticipated in the project area this week.

Don't Cross Solid White Lines!

A reminder: **it's illegal to cross solid white lines** between lanes or at lane edges. This means that you should not change lanes in the temporary roadway, and you should not follow construction vehicles when they cross these lines.

Keep an Eye Out for Construction Vehicles

Trucks enter the work zone on the west side of the freeway via the right shoulder of the southbound exit to S. 320th. If you're behind a large truck, allow extra following distance so you can see what's ahead. You don't want to end up in the middle of the work zone, or with a \$202 ticket!

Driving During Autumn Months

Driving in winter weather has obvious dangers, but driving during the autumn months has its own issues of which you should be aware.

Pedestrians are at highest risk in the dark and rainy months between October and January. **Watch for pedestrians** crossing streets near transit centers and bus stops, in parking lots and driveways, and near schools.

Slow down. Posted speed limits are for dry pavement.

Use your headlights. Commutes are darker with the shorter days of autumn. Turn on your headlights even in the middle of the day when it's raining or foggy.

Next week we'll have more tips on driving in these late months of the year.

Highway Advisory Radio Updates

Don't miss out on our weekly radio updates on **AM 1520** as you drive through the project area. Let us know what you think of our radio messages by e-mailing Laura Johnson at Johnsol@wsdot.wa.gov.
